

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - APRIL, 1962

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POPULATION

Whole State: Estimated population at 31st December, 1961 -	Metropolitan: at 31.12.1961
Males - 380,420 Females - 365,749 Persons - 746,169	Persons - 425,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	MARCH				Three Months ended MARCH			
	1962		1961		1962		1961	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	458	7.19	455	7.31	1,502	8.03	1,510	8.25
Births	1,484	23.31	1,520	24.42	4,335	23.18	4,411	24.10
Deaths	369	5.80	447	7.18	1,449	7.75	1,381	7.55
Infant Mortality(b)	22	14.82	33	21.71	97	22.38	84	19.04

- (a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.
- (b) Deaths under one year.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH		MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Oversea	4,000	4,734	36,087	41,276	11,826	14,865	112,908	124,468
Interstate	12,220	11,199	84,978	86,076	5,069	2,757	32,624	31,018
Total:	16,220	15,933	121,065	127,352	16,895	17,622	145,532	155,486

LAND SETTLEMENT

Crown Land Transactions	APRIL		Four Months ended APRIL	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	acres	acres	acres	acres
Land Conditionally Alienated	29,044	7,607	148,174	118,465
Pastoral, Special and Miscellaneous Leases Issued by Lands Department	720,584	26,423	7,450,379	3,510,930

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	5,618,287	6,846,102	61,327,676	53,340,918
Revenue per Head of Population	7.5	9.3	82.4	73.3
Expenditure	6,005,248	5,613,888	62,288,471	57,958,383
Expenditure per Head of Population	8.0	7.7	83.7	79.6

SAVINGS BANKS

Due to Depositors	At the end of APRIL		
	1962	1961	1960
	£	£	£
Total Balances	86,895,875	79,354,703	76,201,136
Per Head of Population	115.7	108.1	105.8

TRADING BANKS

Year	Average Weekly Clearings					
	November	December	January	February	March	April
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1962	-	-	25,932,347	26,487,438	26,389,633	24,801,981
1961	23,763,950	26,855,385	25,547,075	22,660,012	23,441,125	23,532,488
1960	23,976,291	25,473,597	21,434,932	22,047,689	22,276,441	19,363,355

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
Transfers	No.	1,755	1,352	17,740	18,588
	£.	3,917,808	3,118,465	35,206,907	34,800,221
Mortgages	No.	1,399	1,078	13,903	12,796
	£.	3,184,016	2,462,664	30,926,006	28,858,204
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,092	942	10,936	10,185

SALE OF GOODS AND SALES TAX COLLECTED

Item	Period of Receipt of Return			
	APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Sales Exempt from Tax	12,427,354	12,513,106	120,918,964	126,150,385
Net Taxable Sales	4,467,831	3,940,314	50,327,996	48,859,781
Tax Collected	576,754	624,178	7,239,393	7,945,494

COMPANIES REGISTERED

Type of Company		APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
Local	No.	44	21	318	322
Nominal Capital	£.	2,262,000	1,546,000	23,479,700	21,793,000
Foreign	No.	17	10	166	133

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Ten Months ended APRIL					
	1962			1961		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£	£		£	£
Sequestration Orders	118	227,380	78,704	108	236,617	79,729
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	82	499,022	351,853	66	245,307	193,333

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

Operations of the State Government Railways including Railway Road Service

Item		MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
Gross Earnings	£.	1,623,300	1,574,850	13,050,800	12,043,500
Operating Expenses	£.	1,351,591	1,347,678	11,773,711	11,597,941
Train Miles Run	No.	695,830	716,737	5,971,557	5,795,595
Motor Bus Miles	No.	(a) 115,323	(b) 114,387	(c) 1,001,934	(d) 1,003,985
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	902,721	934,600	8,951,023	9,551,730
Motor Bus	No.	21,253	22,503	192,784	202,977
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Goods (excl. Livestock) -					
Paying		477,909	474,270	3,803,015	3,352,599
Free (Departmental)		49,244	41,658	443,802	387,094
Livestock		9,203	8,007	101,014	112,772
Total:		536,356	523,935	4,347,831	3,852,465
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Goods (excl. Livestock) -					
Paying		78,172,265	76,352,488	588,106,222	522,703,173
Free (Departmental)		4,629,079	4,822,246	46,850,514	39,263,794
Livestock		1,071,175	1,011,863	13,954,080	15,526,528
Total:		83,872,519	82,186,597	648,910,816	577,493,495

(a) Four weeks ended 24th February. (c) Period 1st July to 24th February.
(b) Four weeks ended 25th February. (d) Period 1st July to 25th February.

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item		MARCH		Three Months ended MARCH	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
Quantity	Fine oz.	70,108	64,827	207,154	201,612
Value (Aust. Currency)	£.	1,095,437	1,012,918	3,236,780	3,150,185
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	77,344	77,344	227,344	319,144

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
1961	6,947	1,871	2,221	30	591	10,670	3,228	5,104	70	903
1961 -										
March	718	231	198	-	65	1,028	357	414	4	99
April	541	140	204	-	41	810	230	418	4	61
May	536	141	190	2	53	867	240	414	5	77
June	459	138	182	4	44	799	251	426	5	69
July	490	139	181	6	34	753	238	408	8	56
August	678	152	183	4	49	996	268	459	6	72
September	703	151	211	4	38	1,027	255	456	12	63
October	644	172	189	1	37	989	316	469	3	54
November	655	155	190	4	51	1,031	290	497	5	71
December	591	176	187	4	50	1,001	335	447	6	84
1962 -										
January	635	166	158	-	75	979	290	390	4	94
February	759	172	246	4	63	1,105	302	486	17	92
March	848	237	271	3	68	1,208	389	577	8	94

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
1960 -								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
1961 -								
June	89,189	26,699	565	8,703	138,187	70,908	1,237	12,689
December	93,110	27,135	576	8,486	143,827	71,934	1,264	12,244
1962 -								
January	94,350	27,325	576	8,530	143,365	70,646	1,154	12,004
February	94,838	27,343	575	8,489	144,999	71,482	1,265	12,096
March	95,316	27,363	575	8,443	146,507	72,227	1,272	12,164

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

PROJECTED BUILDING ACTIVITY
BUILDING PERMITS AND APPROVALS

Period	Houses and Flats				Other New Buildings			Total, including Additions & Alterations		
	Private	Govt.	Total		Private	Govt.	Total	Private	Govt.	Total
	No.	No.	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1959-60	5,218	1,229	6,447	18,454	6,626	6,686	13,312	24,632	10,033	34,665
1960-61	4,791	1,327	6,118	18,860	6,566	7,531	14,097	24,924	11,143	36,067
1961:										
April	374	66	440	1,344	392	471	863	1,800	642	2,442
May	385	113	498	1,531	539	763	1,302	2,094	1,034	3,128
June	423	212	635	1,868	288	1,133	1,421	1,854	1,754	3,608
July	362	143	505	1,594	815	540	1,355	2,262	952	3,214
August	493	65	558	1,702	715	703	1,418	2,509	900	3,409
September	395	159	554	1,795	285	1,797	2,082	1,876	2,269	4,145
October	434	185	619	1,940	593	1,216	1,809	2,279	1,788	4,067
November	480	204	684	2,181	373	286	659	2,217	943	3,160
December	327	245	572	1,770	435	931	1,366	1,764	1,609	3,373
1962:										
January	304	122	426	1,369	255	334	589	1,432	771	2,203
February	461	199	660	2,015	373	279	652	2,045	884	2,929
March	468	254	722	2,177	472	615	1,087	2,199	1,346	3,545
April	388	106	494	1,595	630	267	897	2,154	598	2,752

BUILDING OPERATIONS

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
1961	1,075	2,963	5,258	17,272	126	1,744	858	10,965	7,317	32,944
1962 - March Qr.	278	778	1,117	3,717	29	217	230	2,977	1,654	7,689

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Material of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
1961	4,287	14,834	15	32	1,459	3,820	103	82	5,864	18,768
1962 - March Qr.	984	3,367	9	20	324	850	3	4	1,320	4,241

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group Index Numbers					Com- bined Index (All Groups)
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis- cellan- eous	
Year ended June:						
1957	116.0	103.1	123.6	104.5	117.0	112.9
1958	114.4	105.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
1961	124.4	110.8	141.7	107.3	125.2	121.2
Quarters:						
1961 - March	125.3	110.9	143.5	107.4	125.8	121.9
June	126.4	111.6	144.8	107.0	125.6	122.4
September	123.8	111.6	145.1	107.5	125.7	121.7
December	122.5	111.9	145.5	107.4	125.5	121.3
1962 - March	123.4	111.8	147.1	107.1	124.9	121.5

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private
Domestics and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December,
1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1960:</u>				<u>1961 (cont.):</u>			
April	141.4	48.9	190.3	April	143.2	50.9	194.1
May	141.5	49.4	190.9	May	142.9	50.5	193.4
June	141.7	49.2	190.9	June	142.2	49.9	192.1
July	142.2	49.3	191.5	July	142.0	49.9	191.9
August	142.9	49.8	192.7	August	142.9	49.9	192.8
September	143.4	50.1	193.5	September	143.6	50.1	193.7
October	143.3	50.4	193.7	October	143.0	50.4	193.4
November	143.8	50.7	194.5	November	143.9	51.0	194.9
December	143.8	51.2	195.0	December	143.5	50.6	194.1
<u>1961:</u>				<u>1962:</u>			
January	142.7	50.1	192.8	January	144.4	50.5	194.9
February	143.1	50.4	193.5	February	145.0	51.0	196.0
March	143.1	50.7	193.8	March	146.3	52.0	198.3

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1961 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
January	241	232	231	229	234	242	244
February	241	235	233	231	237	241	246
March	240	236	234	233	238	241	248
April	239	234	233	233	237	241	
May	238	234	230	232	238	239	
June	235	231	228	229	237	236	
July	231	229	229	231	239	234	
August	230	229	229	232	240	237	
September	233	232	230	233	243	240	
October	233	232	232	234	242	241	
November	233	233	231	235	244	242	
December	232	232	231	235	243	242	

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STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
30/10/61	14.	18.	9	11.	4.	1	14.	17.	3
	11.	2.	11	14.	11.	6	10.	18.	8

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
March, 1962	15,520	1,658	148,833	60,549	21,456
March, 1961	13,164	1,381	152,103	51,956	15,411
9 Months ended March, 1962	152,384	13,177	1,135,502	859,706	193,151
9 Months ended March, 1961	137,605	12,858	1,340,079	810,581	145,176

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
March, 1962	3,097	74	2,792	838	1,068
March, 1961	2,642	61	2,918	722	812
9 Months ended March, 1962	32,241	617	22,056	12,404	9,888
9 Months ended March, 1961	29,259	599	25,846	11,624	7,896

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents (a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,180	9,559	2,598	3,713	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
1961	4,221	6,111	2,391	3,528	6,612	9,639	79	172	3,110	4,779
3 Months ended March, 1961	936	1,363	586	874	1,522	2,237	17	42	767	1,198
3 Months ended March, 1962	1,025	1,480	630	920	1,655	2,400	21	55	800	1,219
1962 -										
January	338	505	187	292	525	797	6	26	239	396
February	340	472	220	304	560	776	6	12	276	399
March	347	503	223	324	570	827	9	17	285	424

(a) Non-casualty accidents prior to 1961 exclude those where estimated damage was £10 or less: from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognised season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1961									1962			
		Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	18. 1	13. 9	12. 4	12.10	13. 7	17. 6	20. 4	33. 3	34. 2	27. 2	26. 0	20. 1	19. 2
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	34. 1	28. 8	30. 8	38.10	39. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	47. 1
- Val.	bush.	25. 3	25. 2	-	-	31. 1	32. 0	28.11	29. 8	31.11	35. 4	31. 0	30.11	43. 5
Bananas - Local	lb.	-	-	1. 3	1. 3	1. 0	1. 1	1. 0	9	1. 1	10	9	10	11
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	14.11	14. 4	14.10	16. 3	15. 8	17. 4	21. 3	34. 3	45.10	-	-	20. 6	25.10
- Other	bush.	20. 6	21. 2	18.11	18. 9	23. 1	26. 7	28. 2	33. 9	39. 5	30. 3	27. 7	25. 2	33. 7
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	15. 7	18. 1	21. 5	19. 8	19. 2	-	-	-	-	30. 0	20. 9	19. 4	19. 0
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30. 0	31. 5	39. 1	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26. 6	29. 0	25. 4	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29. 4	30. 2	29.10	34.11	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22. 0	29.11	28.10	21. 0	20.10	-
Grapes	Open flat cases	16. 9	22. 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	29. 3	22. 7	23. 0	22. 5	22. 2
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate	11. 2	7. 6	7. 6	7. 8	5. 5	7. 0	5. 8	7.11	6. 6	9. 5	15. 4	10. 4	6. 6
Cauliflowers	dozen	19. 4	8. 4	12. 0	20.10	14. 3	6. 5	16. 9	15. 5	13. 2	-	18. 0	26. 8	9. 0
Lettuce	crate	6. 4	8. 8	10.10	14. 0	10. 6	11. 8	16. 4	12. 8	6. 9	14. 8	24. 5	11. 7	7. 1
Table Celery	doz. head	10. 8	8. 5	9. 7	9. 3	10. 2	8. 1	10. 2	12. 7	9. 4	8. 6	11. 3	12. 0	8. 0
Beetroot	cwt.	21. 3	21. 3	21. 3	30. 6	45. 5	70. 8	51. 4	24. 9	19. 3	27. 8	38. 3	36. 3	28. 5
Carrots	cwt.	48. 7	50. 2	42. 9	57. 8	63. 6	77. 5	99. 7	38. 9	22. 6	27. 1	36. 0	34. 0	40. 9
Parsnips	cwt.	98. 0	120. 6	150. 2	159. 6	151. 1	109. 5	65. 8	50. 0	31. 4	41. 1	76. 6	69. 5	67. 6
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	5.10	5. 0	7. 0	10. 7	12. 1	15. 8	7. 1	5.10	8. 1	10. 3	12.10	7. 3	5. 3
Swedes	cwt.	62.11	32.11	27. 4	33. 8	24. 4	28.11	35. 4	26. 5	23. 5	28. 1	55.10	46. 4	31. 9
Runner Beans	lb.	6	7	10	1. 2	1. 1	10	11	1. 6	10	1. 8	1. 8	8	9
Peas	lb.	1. 5	1. 1	1. 3	1. 5	1. 2	1. 2	11	1. 3	1. 3	1. 6	1. 9	1. 9	1. 1
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	5	3	5	5	5	6	6	5	7	9	7	5	5
Pumpkin	bag	30. 3	23. 7	21. 4	25. 4	35. 7	46. 2	48. 4	43. 3	34. 0	26. 6	22. 1	23.11	23.11
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	25. 6	28.11	20. 9	27. 3	17. 8	28. 2	30. 1	31. 6	26. 8	19. 1	27. 6	21. 9	11. 8
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	50. 0.0	55. 0.0	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	45. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0
Potatoes (c)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants, delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) Onion Pool closed.

(c) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants, F.O.R. Perth.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Note - A price has not been shown where the volume of sales of a particular item was not significant for that month.

Item	1961										1962			
	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	
SHEEP														
Suckers	-	-	3. 9. 9	2.13.11	2. 8. 6	2.10. 2	2.14. 2	2.17. 9	3. 6. 2	-	-	-	-	
Lambs														
In Wool	3.17. 2	3.19. 9	3.14. 2	3. 0. 1	3. 6. 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.15. 3	
Shorn	3.10. 2	3. 9. 4	3. 3.11	2.10. 3	2. 9. 4	2. 1.11	2. 7. 6	2.12. 2	2.14. 3	3. 5. 3	3.12. 4	4. 2. 3	3.17. 5	
Hoggets														
In Wool	-	3.16. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.17. 8	3. 4. 7	3.11.11	-	
Ewes														
In Wool	2.16. 7	3. 7. 8	3. 8. 6	3. 9. 2	3. 9. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	1.18. 6	2. 6. 9	-	2. 6. 7	2. 3. 2	1.19. 2	1.16. 2	1.13.10	2. 3. 3	2. 8. 8	2.12. 0	2.12. 3	2.14.10	
Wethers														
In Wool	3. 5. 4	3.18. 2	3.16. 1	3.14. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.16. 5	4. 0. 5	
Shorn	2. 6.10	2.11. 6	2.12. 6	2.12. 1	2. 7. 9	2.10. 1	2. 7. 1	2. 8. 6	2.13.10	2.16. 6	3. 2. 7	3. 2. 9	2.19. 7	
CATTLE														
Baby Beef	40. 9.11	43.19.10	43. 5. 3	39. 7.11	37. 0. 1	35. 3. 8	35.12. 7	35.19. 9	33. 5. 5	33. 6.10	33.17.11	34.17. 8	34. 0. 1	
Heifers	44.16. 1	-	47. 0. 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.12. 5	36.14. 5	-	
Cows	54. 0. 6	53.18. 8	51. 9. 7	45. 3. 3	41.13. 6	41. 7.11	41. 6. 9	40. 5. 6	41.10. 3	43. 0. 5	40.18. 8	42.18.11	44. 0. 4	
Steers	57. 6. 2	57.13. 5	50. 7.10	50. 3. 1	46.16. 0	46. 3. 2	46. 0. 3	45.14. 2	47. 3. 6	46. 4. 8	45. 9.11	45.15. 4	47.11. 5	
Bullocks	-	62.12. 8	59.16. 4	50. 2. 7	-	-	53.11. 1	53.18. 6	53.14.11	-	-	-	-	
PIGS														
Slips	-	-	5. 6.11	5.13. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.11. 8	-	-	
Porkers	9.17.11	10. 0. 1	9.13.11	9. 7.10	8.16. 7	8.11. 0	7.14. 7	8. 7.11	8. 0.11	7. 7. 8	8. 1. 6	8.10. 4	8. 4. 1	
Baconers	15. 8. 5	15. 7. 3	15. 1. 6	15. 2. 0	13. 2.11	12.11.11	11. 9. 4	11. 6. 1	11. 0. 0	11. 3.11	11. 0. 4	12.13. 4	12. 0. 7	

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVEWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	2.10	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	3. 2	2.10	-	4. 8	-	-	-	3. 5
" Cocks	3. 2	2. 9	2. 7	2. 8	2. 8	3. 0	2.10	3. 1	4. 1	-	-	3. 4	3. 4
Ducks	2. 2	2. 3	2. 4	2. 4	2. 3	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	3. 0	2. 3	2. 2	2. 1	1.10
Drakes	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 2	2. 4	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	3. 3	2. 4	2. 1	2. 1	1.11
Geese	1. 7	2. 3	1.10	1. 8	2. 2	2. 2	-	-	2. 8	-	-	-	-
Cockerels	2. 9	2. 9	2. 7	2. 7	2. 7	2. 9	2. 9	2.10	3. 0	2. 8	2. 8	2.10	3. 0
Capons	2.10	2.10	2. 9	2. 8	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	3. 0	3. 2	2. 9	2.10	3. 0	3. 1
Hens	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 1	2. 0	1.10	1.11	1.10	1. 9	1. 9	2. 0	2. 2

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,842	4,175	3,347	80,985	24,173	15,778	20,779
1959-60	30,898	22,123	13,891	2,811	2,271	1,435	46,676	5,196	4,209	80,385	29,590	19,535	25,169
1960-61	25,802	20,201	12,461	3,131	2,722	1,705	40,866	5,044	4,183	69,799	27,967	18,349	27,060
1960 - April	2,533	1,899	1,210	293	156	96	3,245	397	334	6,071	2,452	1,640	23,687
May	2,708	1,969	1,238	262	161	101	4,569	553	463	7,539	2,683	1,802	24,430
June	2,641	2,111	1,357	195	125	82	4,320	537	449	7,156	2,773	1,888	25,169
July	2,368	1,794	1,124	188	137	89	4,105	468	388	6,661	2,399	1,601	25,852
August	2,588	1,914	1,200	178	126	87	3,835	539	457	6,601	2,579	1,744	26,397
September	2,670	1,962	1,269	289	228	151	3,775	465	385	6,734	2,655	1,805	26,602
October	2,661	2,126	1,341	487	571	367	3,759	470	382	6,907	3,167	2,090	27,316
November	2,754	2,235	1,419	465	494	322	3,680	485	396	6,899	3,214	2,137	28,438
December	1,766	1,403	867	215	191	117	4,094	509	428	6,075	2,103	1,412	29,161
1961 - January	1,846	1,406	891	104	73	43	3,438	406	332	5,388	1,885	1,266	29,388
February	1,628	1,232	754	193	232	135	2,947	354	289	4,768	1,818	1,178	27,688
March	1,966	1,675	953	254	207	125	2,686	338	276	4,906	2,220	1,354	27,526
April	1,810	1,469	868	276	171	103	2,372	284	236	4,458	1,924	1,207	27,066
May	1,951	1,651	972	255	143	71	2,699	312	259	4,905	2,106	1,302	27,052
June	1,794	1,334	803	227	149	95	3,476	414	355	5,497	1,897	1,253	27,060
July						Not yet available							(f) 26,782
August						do.							(f) 26,772
September						do.							(f) 26,877
October						do.							(f) 27,448
November						do.							(f) 28,195
December						do.							(f) 28,627
1962 - January						do.							(f) 28,474
February						do.							(f) 27,245

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Preliminary.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food-stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (b)	Electrical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chemists' Goods	News-papers, Books, Stationery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.2	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.9	49.8
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.9
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	55.3
1959-60	30.8	11.6	21.7	19.1	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.8	7.7	6.0	4.9	22.6	182.2	66.7
1960-61	32.6	12.4	22.6	20.6	27.7	5.0	12.4	15.5	7.8	6.7	5.0	23.5	191.8	68.7
Sept. Qr.														
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.7
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.1
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.8
1960	7.7	3.0	5.3	4.4	6.7	1.2	3.0	3.9	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	44.9	18.3
1961	8.6	3.2	5.5	4.5	7.2	1.2	3.1	3.5	2.0	1.7	1.2	4.8	46.5	16.3
Dec. Qr.														
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.9
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.1
1959	8.0	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.1	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.3	17.1
1960	8.6	3.1	5.9	5.8	8.0	1.4	3.6	4.2	2.3	1.8	1.4	5.8	51.9	18.7
1961	9.4	3.3	6.1	5.9	8.1	1.4	3.6	4.1	2.3	1.9	1.5	6.1	53.7	18.5
March Qr.														
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.2
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.9
1960	7.5	2.8	5.8	5.2	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.6	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.7	16.9
1961	8.0	3.1	6.1	5.9	5.7	1.1	2.9	3.6	1.6	1.6	1.3	6.6	47.5	15.7
June Qr.														
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.1
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.2
1960	7.8	3.0	5.4	4.5	7.3	1.3	3.0	4.1	2.0	1.6	1.1	6.3	47.4	17.9
1961	8.3	3.2	5.3	4.5	7.3	1.3	2.9	3.8	1.8	1.7	1.2	6.2	47.5	16.0

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods.

COMMODITIES PRODUCED

Item	Unit	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	312	408	3,409	3,899
Bricks - Clay (a)	'000	9,498	9,539	73,029	80,576
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	148	120	1,034	1,136
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	3,273	2,564	20,966	21,184
Ready-Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	37,348	31,301	294,020	288,081
Tiles Roofing - Cement	'000	384	311	2,665	3,203
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (b)	'000 sup. ft.	17,273	16,469	147,801	144,049
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	1,129	1,431	6,590	9,360
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	1,523	2,079	6,812	9,445
Shirts (all types) - Men's and Boys'	"	5,697	4,114	41,526	42,545
Suits - Men's - 2 & 3 piece	number	1,308	1,429	13,067	14,159
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	10,163	6,730	76,671	64,331
- Work	"	14,567	15,086	101,949	123,144
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	44,906	40,857	483,980	472,849
Slippers	"	15,662	17,578	89,263	101,244
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	354	581	4,683	4,506
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	16,711	28,419	264,187	228,457
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	660	527	5,745	5,324
Butter	"	208	209	14,469	13,971
Cheese	"	75	66	2,674	2,394
Flour (excl. Self-raising Flour)	ton (2,000 lb.)	14,140	12,989	118,446	138,917
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	ton	36	25	219	267
Sulphuric	"	24,678	22,840	167,334	168,020
Coal	"	78,611	52,763	693,934	566,908
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh	95,801	88,211	831,368	776,661
Gas (Town) Produced	million cub. ft.	112	109	1,048	1,072
Mattresses - Soft Filled (c)	number	2,699	2,542	20,387	23,722
Pig Iron	ton	4,098	4,226	38,150	39,373
Superphosphate	"	67,199	62,770	457,536	455,278
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,604	2,407	24,356	22,824

(a) Standard size.

(b) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(c) Includes mattresses of rubber, plastic foam and sponge,
but excludes inner-spring mattresses.

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